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Photos, flowers and mementos were left by grieving family members of those who died in the crash of Northwest Flight 255. Ceremonies held on Thursday marked the 20-year anniversary of the crash.

Crash memories still linger

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

At 18 years old, Joanne Surowitz was assessing her options.

The Michigan State University student was considering a career in teaching and was preparing to return to college before a short visit to California to visit her family, which had recently relocated from Michigan.

It was Aug. 16, 1987, and Surowitz was scheduled to board a Continental Airlines flight from Detroit Metropolitan Airport to go west. But she was informed there was a problem with that flight. Surowitz later boarded Northwest Flight 255.

Surowitz – along with 155 passengers and crew of the ill-fated flight – perished at 8:46 p.m., when the McConnell-Douglas DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff at the corner of Middlebelt Road and

Interstate 94.

On Thursday night, Surowitz' family joined countless other mourners on a quiet hill to mark the 20th anniversary of the crash as airplanes whirled by.

The families, joined by rescue workers who worked that night, gathered at a black granite memorial that marks the spot where the aircraft crashed.

"It doesn't get any easier. Our family thinks about what happened to Joanne all of the time," said Paul Friedman, Surowitz' uncle. "She was a beautiful, caring person. She was just full of life."

Friedman still remembers the chaos that ensued after he learned there had been a plane crash at the airport. He was concerned – but there was confusion. After all, his niece was scheduled to fly on Continental.

"(Airport officials) didn't say anything to us for so long,"

he said. "We were told to leave the airport, and some people did—but we didn't. When we were told Joanne was on the flight, it was devastating."

The crew and passengers of Flight 255 were generally young – 28 of the victims were 18 years old or younger. Mary Ann Ratliff, whose 16-year-old daughter, Hidi Ja Ratliff, was on the flight to make her way back to California, was on a layover at Metro after a visit with her father in Toledo, Ohio.

"I come here every year," she said. "It does help me to come back here because it's one way to honor my daughter's memory."

During the memorial, the name of each victim was read aloud by the Rev. Jim Weiging of Our Lady of Lourdes in River Rouge. Weiging read the names against the backdrop of the memorial, which

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Scores show decline

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Scores for the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) were not what Romulus Community Schools officials would like to have seen, but officials hope the results provide a basis for improving the scores in the future.

Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss acknowledged the MME posed significant challenges for high school students in English Language Arts and writing, but said changes in the way the test is administered and the introduction of the ACT will provide educators with a place from which to assess what students are learning, and what they're not.

"It's going to take three years to see the impact the changes made in the test have on students," he said. "We're taking the results as a base for the future – of course we'd like to see 100 percent of our students passing the test. The scores are down from last year, but the upside is that more students than ever will receive a Michigan Merit Award."

The test, which replaced the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test for juniors when it was introduced last spring, combines examinations in math, reading, science, social studies, writing and English language arts with the ACT, a test that many colleges and universities use as a factor for admissions.

Test scores are also part of a financial award program students can enjoy if they are able to meet requirements laid out by federal and state law – currently, students who pass the test are given a \$4,000 scholarship to help defray the costs of college.

Merit exam results were released late last week by the Michigan Department of Education for Romulus High School:

Math: 84 of 264 students tested met or exceeded current state performance requirements;

Reading: 111 of 264 students tested met or exceeded current state performance requirements;

Science: 108 of 263 students tested met or exceeded current state performance requirements;

Social Studies: 201 of 258 students tested met or exceeded current state performance requirements.

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Men face murder charges Aug. 27

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The teens accused of shooting an unarmed man during a game of basketball in March will have their day in court Monday.

Brandon Burkett, 18, of Taylor, and Jamal Sam, 17, of Romulus, will face trial on first-degree murder charges at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. They are charged in

the shooting death of 21-year-old Aaron McAdoo, of Belleville.

Another man, 17-year-old Anthony Harris, is charged with a felony count of accessory after the fact to murder for allegedly hiding the weapon used in the shooting.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Steve Taratuta confirmed that no plea arrangements have been made with the men. The case will be

heard in the courtroom of Judge James Callahan.

The events that led to the charges against Burkett and Sam unfolded on March 26, shortly after McAdoo met friends at the Sky Harbor Apartments on Eureka Road and Brandt Avenue to play basketball with some friends.

The problems started after a fight occurred between two

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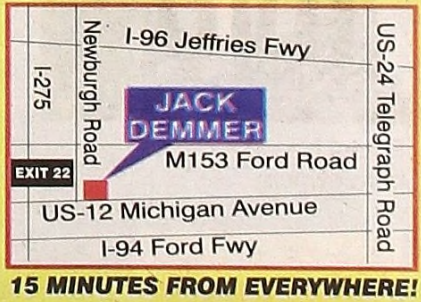
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Two districts consider trimesters at high school

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Two of the largest school districts in western Wayne County are considering doing away with the ninth- through 12th-grade semester system and replacing it with trimesters, district officials said Monday.

Officials at Romulus Community Schools and Wayne-Westland Schools have discussed trimesters—which means classes would meet for 13 weeks followed by a schedule change—on an informal basis.

Romulus Superintendent Carl Weiss said trimesters are gaining steam as academic requirements tighten, and as scheduling classes becomes more difficult for students.

“There are several districts that are considering trimesters at this time,” he said. “Wayne-Westland is looking at it, and so is Woodhaven.

“It would give us more flexibility. For example, new statewide requirements specify students must take more algebra,” Weiss said. “If a student

needs more help, he can take an additional trimester of algebra—though he would lose an elective. And students that aren’t having problems mastering algebra can meet the requirement, and move on.”

Greg Baracy, the superintendent at Wayne-Westland Schools, agrees.

“(Trimesters would produce) ‘a more wholesome individual, both socially and academically,’” he said. “Under the newly implemented system, students—particularly those who fail a class—have limited opportunities to

participate elective classes. With the new rigorous graduation requirements given to us by the state, we have to give students more options.”

Though some school districts have had trimesters, most have the semester system, which divides the year in half in terms of a student’s schedule.

Teachers in Romulus will learn more about the potential change at a trimester workshop on Aug. 30, at an in-service meeting.

Officials agree that a conversion will be a formidable task.

Baracy said the district currently has committees appointed to the task of working out the details contingent on a potential schedule change. The district would need to work out concerns ranging from when and how to schedule classes and transportation issues to adapting curriculum to the changes and answering questions about how to make the change fit the career-technical center, which serves students from multiple jurisdictions.

Weiss said Romulus Schools officials will look at the same issues.

News in brief

Calendar will cost \$9,000

The city of Romulus awarded a bid to a local company to print the 2008 municipal calendar, which is mailed to all residences and businesses in the city.

Johnson Lithograph in Romulus submitted the lowest of five bids, and was given a contract to design and print the calendar at the Aug. 13 city council meeting.

The other four bidders were Dearborn Lithograph in Livonia, Messenger Print Service Inc. in Taylor, Caldwell Printing in Fraser, and Spectrum 3 in Livonia.

The city calendar provides contract information for city departments and dates and times for public meetings.

General fund dollars earmarked for printing and publications will be used to cover the printing and design costs.

“Parade of Lights” seeking applicants

It may be hard to believe as we enjoy these hot summer days, but the cooler winds of autumn are fast approaching, and with it comes the Ninth Annual Romulus Parade of Lights.

The parade takes place in conjunction with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival, and is organized by the Romulus Rotary Club. This year, the parade will take place Sept. 14.

Organizers are once again seeking applications for entries in three different areas: commercial, non-commercial, and non-motorized.

Those interested in participating can find applications, criteria, and rules on line at www.romulusrotary.org, or they can be picked up at city hall or at the Romulus Public Library, both located on Wayne Road in Romulus.

Voting will end at 3 p.m. Sunday and the winners will be announced at 4 p.m. on the main stage downtown. Awards will be given for first, second and third place in each category.

Scores

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ments;

Writing: 86 of 256 students tested met or exceeded current state performance requirements; and

English Language Arts: 99 of 256 students tested met or exceeded current state performance requirements.

Weiss, who took the helm of the school district about two years ago, said he believes current programs designed to help students in subjects they need assistance with will help generate better scores next year.

“We have programs in place to help students, and we’re working on assessing students,” he said. “The test results are a tool we can use.”

Statewide, educators saw a drop in test scores, which was not entirely unexpected by state officials.

“These results are about what we expected in this first administration of the Merit Exam,” said

State Board of Education President Kathleen N. Straus in a press release. “As the new rigorous state graduation requirements are implemented, and students are exposed to more knowledge, we will see an improvement in the scores.”

Next year, the district should have a better grasp on whether those programs are working.

“I’m looking forward to seeing where we’re at next year,” he said.

Romulus Community Schools received some good news on the testing front: An appeal of test scores that kept Romulus Elementary School and Romulus Middle School from reaching the Adequate Yearly Progress, of AYP, mark was successful.

“That means all of our building have made AYP,” Weiss said. “I just found out about it today, and it was good news to come in to.”

The state board of education has provided test results for several academic years. To view detailed test results for 2007, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

City, officer settle racial lawsuit

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A lawsuit filed by a Hispanic Inkster police lieutenant against the city for racial discrimination in 2004 has been settled.

According to a statement released by Fred Hill, the city liability insurer and risk manager, a settlement was reached in the case, which resulted in a more than \$400,000 verdict against the city.

“After initial consultation with legal counsel and on the advice of the city liability insurer, which had financial exposure to the lawsuit, the case has been resolved,” said a statement from Hill. “The lawsuit will be dismissed without any admission of liability on the part of the city, it’s officers, employees, or council members.”

James K. Fett, the Pinckney-based attorney that represents Diaz, did not comment about the settlement. Diaz, when reached Tuesday, also declined to comment.

The terms of the settlement, and whether there’s a confiden-

tiality clause attached to the agreement, are unclear. The city’s attorney, Michael Weaver of the firm Plunkett & Cooney, did not return a call seeking comment by deadline Tuesday.

The agreement comes after a difficult road for the plaintiff and the city.

Diaz, 40, has worked for the city for 18 years. He filed the lawsuit against the city in federal court in October 2004 claiming that preferential treatment was given to black job applicants in terms of hiring and promotions. He applied for the job of chief of police in 2003, commander in 2004, and deputy chief in 2006.

In a taped deposition, former City Manager Robert Gordon admitted to seeking out a black Ann Arbor patrolman who used to work for city to apply for the job before another applicant was hired, however.

Diaz had already moved up the ranks to lieutenant at the time the patrolman was approached.

Gordon also admitted race was a key factor in the city’s choice of a chief in 2003 in the

deposition.

The jury found on Feb. 14 of this year that the city discriminated against Diaz. A claim of retaliation because of the lawsuit was not proven. A \$224,799 jury award was entered.

The city asked for a new trial shortly after the Feb. 14 verdict claiming that Inkster was a city that was 70 percent black, and the jurors were Caucasian. Judge Bernard Friedman rejected the request and said, in a written opinion, no systematic exclusion of blacks took place during the selection process.

In a separate hearing this year, Friedman ruled the city must cover \$124,609.50 in attorney’s fees and \$4,878 in costs incurred by Diaz. An earlier ruling that denied the plaintiff \$48,296 in interest on the verdict was also overturned by Friedman, bringing the judgment amount to slightly more than \$400,000.

The appeal filed by the city will be dismissed as a result of the latest agreement.

City Manager Joyce Parker was out of town and unavailable for comment Tuesday.

McAdoo

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groups of young men, few of whom were known to the victim, according to police reports.

McAdoo arrived at the apartment complex after the fight, and had no idea that any unrest had occurred, witnesses said.

At a pre-trial hearing in May at the 34th District Court in Romulus, Clarence Stewart testified that he saw a Dodge Charger pass by the area where

he and McAdoo were playing basketball. He said the vehicle turned around, and that he saw a handgun emerge from a partially opened window on the passenger’s side of the vehicle.

After several shots were fired, McAdoo was struck in the head.

Police detectives testified that witness information given to police led to the arrests of Burkett, who they say was the driver of the car, and Sam, who fired the shots.

Harris was charged as an accessory because he agreed to

hide the gun. The accessory charge is punishable by up to four years in prison.

If convicted, Burkett and Sam face life in prison without the possibility of parole.

McAdoo was working at his mother’s temporary employment agency and was scheduled to start an electrician’s apprentice program at the time of his death. He was a graduate of Romulus High School.

McAdoo’s mother, Bridget McAdoo, said her son did not know the men now charged in his death.

Crash

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was covered in flowers, photos, and written messages left by loved ones.

He said he was on-site in 1987 to provide spiritual counsel, and has tried to help the families for the past 20 years.

“I’ve never seen anything like what I saw on the night of the crash,” he said. “It was pure pandemonium.”

In his remarks, Weiging recognized Cecilia Cichan, the only survivor of the crash. She did not attend the ceremony.

He said the tone at the memorials has changed, but that one thing remains the same: There’s a strong sense of grief.

“Time does help, but I don’t think it ever goes away for the families,” he said.

Shirley Friedman, Joanne Surowitz’ grandmother, said coming to the memorial helps her keep her granddaughter’s memory alive.

“It’s important to not forget,” she said. “Joanne was a special person.”

The crash of Flight 255 was considered the second-worst air crash in the United States at the time. Families who lost a loved one in the crash lobbied hard for changes in how airports and airlines deal with family members when a crash occurs.

Because of that advocacy, victims’ families must be told who was on the flight, and must be given access to information sooner.

OPINION

Do more than talk

At the Wayne 2020 Committee meeting last night, the committee was to discuss a number of things important to the downtown area—and the community as a whole.

In an effort to spur additional downtown development and economic revitalization, the committee will discuss a resolution to force the city council to get back to basics.

The outcome of that meeting wasn't known at press time, but we like the effort.

The resolution seeks to put the council on record by formally declaring its desire to make downtown revitalization a priority.

It mentions continued efforts to implement the recommendations of the Andrews University study, the creation of a downtown overlay district, continued vigilance on blight and the continuation of the public art program started on the side of the State Wayne Theater.

The city has made some progress on these areas. The mural won approval, but it took longer than was necessary. The city has acted on the Andrews plan, but only to implement on-street parking within in some areas of the downtown district. They continue to be ahead of the curve on the elimination of blight, although the City of Inkster is hot on their proverbial heels with their plan to demolish about 90 vacant and dilapidated homes in the next two years.

Believe it or not, this might be a controversial thing for the council. It's unlikely that any one of them would say they're opposed to downtown revitalization. They might even be offended and having to put such a basic concept in the form of a resolution.

So what.

There's more to promoting downtown revitalization than agreeing to whatever comes across the dais. The city spent money on the Andrews plan and owes it to the public to make good on the investment. A downtown zoning overlay district will help bring that to fruition and stop the recent trend in replacing retail space with non-retail uses.

The resolution would also be a shot in the arm for the downtown art project. It's one thing to allow one project to take place, another to commit to a series of them, and it's silly to use something like budget concerns as an escape route given how much funding should be available through the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

What will the council make of this resolution? That remains to be seen. We think they should give it serious consideration, though, and not remand it to some shelf if and when it is approved. These are things that require near constant attention and a full-fledged commitment.

Time for state to step up

Last week, results of the Michigan Merit Exam showed that—for the most part—school districts are doing what they're supposed to do.

Students met or exceeded national standards, with the somewhat troubling exception of writing.

It shows that districts are doing their best to make good on their commitment to our children.

Now it's time for the state to do its part.

It's an appropriate time to talk about school funding, too. School districts are about to open their doors on a new school year and, in many cases, they don't know the funding levels they'll receive.

At the same time, state lawmakers are preparing for their next budget year, when they will in theory make good on the promise of investing in Michigan's future.

To us, that means the school system.

There is an interesting duality here. Legislators have kept school funding at generally the same levels in recent years—providing small

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Looking for a rebound

The annual Wayne Wheelfest returns this weekend to Goudy Park and its immediate vicinity, and I'm looking forward to it with a mixture of trepidation and hope.

Just about everyone was disappointed with the festival last year, which was cut back due to budget concerns and further hampered by bad weather. My trepidation comes into play when I look at the weather forecast, but there are some things you just can't control.

My hope comes when I think about the things we can control, and the people involved in controlling them.

What we need here is for the festival to rebound, and I think it will. There are plenty of things happening that the city can build on, like the Chili Cook-off that's set for Saturday afternoon. If it's successful, it can be built on for next year and perhaps eventually spin off into its own event.

The city can also gain some positive publicity when the television news crews broadcast live from the park on Friday morning. I've been saying that there are good things here for years and it's nice to see some regional media picking up on it.

So what will the cameras show about our town?

Well, they'll show that we're in the same boat as everyone else. Sure there are some vacancies and a struggling business community—but you get that anywhere. You'll find vacancies in downtown Plymouth and downtown Northville, too. We might not be as proactive as other communities in dealing with that, but sometimes change is slow to come by.

They'll also show a lot of good work, too. The Michigan Avenue work will greatly improve the look of the downtown. I'm a personal fan of the mural project, which I hope will develop into an ongoing public art project that will give the city its own unique identity.

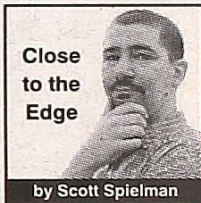
Perhaps they'll talk about the ongoing attempts to restore the Historic Wayne Theater, too—that would make an interesting segment on its own right.

They'll of course highlight the festival grounds, too. There might not be a lot going on at that time of day, but the fact that the festival is there and being embraced by the community is a pretty positive thing in itself. Some might question the need for such a thing—or the wisdom in putting it on—at a time when the city fund balance is at a precariously low level, when the economy is in the tank and so on. I think that's the most important time to do it, to give people something to feel upbeat about and remind them that good times will return.

That's the overlying theme of the weekend: the sense of community. Hopefully they will talk about how everyone has come together to promote these projects and other important ones—like the development of the Boundless Playground at Soroptomist Park, which will happen through donations and sweat equity, not tax dollars.

That's what I hope people will take from the broadcast. It doesn't matter what the economy is like, Wayne is still a great place to live.

See you at the festival.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

A real learning experience

For the past two years, I've written in these pages about the goings on in and around Canton Township (and, for a short period sometime prior to that, in and around Plymouth Township).

I've talked to politicians, cops, police chiefs, judges, lawyers, crime victims and "heroes," painters, sculptors, teachers, principals and school superintendents. I've written about car crashes, murders, robberies, arsons, scams, controversies, heat waves, cold snaps, concerts, test scores, traffic studies, elections, bond sales, landfills, wetlands and big box stores.

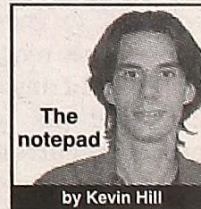
By the time this column is published, I'll have left this newspaper for another opportunity, but I'll never forget the people I met and who helped me in my first reporting job.

Many assume Canton to be just another suburb. True, it has many of the same kinds stores and houses you see almost everywhere else, but covering Canton I came to find out those aren't the only things that define a place. The uniqueness of a community is rooted in the people who live and work

here.

For me, Canton was never boring. There would be several weeks where I would cover a planning commission meeting on Monday, a suspicious death on Wednesday and a resident uproar on Friday. I'll never forget the passionate people who railed against the respective sales of Fellows Creek Golf Course and the Beck/Geddes corner. I'll always remember how infighting between judges at the 35th District Court spilled onto the election stage; how school officials were deflated when voters rejected a bond request. In fact, my biggest regret leaving the beat at this time is that I won't get to cover what may be a very interesting election year in Canton.

I always took my job seriously, even during three-hour board meetings when seemingly not much was going on. I believed our readers had as much of an interest in what was happening in their



The notepad

by Kevin Hill

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LETTERS

Supervisor thanks voters

To the editor;
To the voters of Van Buren Township, my sincere thanks for the opportunity to make improvements in public safety service to benefit you and everyone who lives or works here.
The success in passing the millage at Tuesday's Aug. 7 election was the result of many; namely the men and women of the depart-

ment of public safety. Under the demonstrated and capable leadership of Director (Jerry) Champagne, the officers, fire fighters, dispatchers and civilian personnel of the department spent untold hours working to get the message out, walking in neighborhoods, attending homeowners meetings, meeting with members of the clergy and business owners and the like. Community support-

ers including Max Johnson, Bob Thorne, Keith Johnston, Bob McKenna, David Cushing, Andrea Gornick, April Ruot, Speed Gant and many others also deserve credit for their efforts.
However, the single most important factor affecting our ability to improve upon public safety service so that our community remains the community we have come to love, a safe and attractive

place in which to live, work or raise a family, is the people who call Van Buren home. I am incredibly grateful for your support of the millage and honored to serve you.
If your "yes" vote was related to a specific public safety concern, please contact the department at (734) 699-8930 as we are here to serve you.
Cindy C. King,
Township Supervisor

Holiday traffic enforcement to be increased

The Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) group is partnering with law enforcement officials for Labor Day weekend. This area effort is a part of a national drunk driving crackdown: Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest, which is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in partnership with MADD and the Governors' Highway Safety Association.
Now through Labor Day, law enforcement in Wayne County will be out in full force conducting saturation patrols.
On average, one person dies every 31 minutes in an alcohol-related crash. In Michigan, 370 people died due to drunk driving in 2006. Unfortunately, the problem is not getting better because of

public complacency, according to Ne'chole McClendon of MADD Wayne County.
"The grim reality is that you, your family or someone you know will likely be impacted by the tragedy of drunk driving," she said.
MADD is partnering with law enforcement officials this Labor Day to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by drunk driving, the nation's most frequently committed violent crime. The efforts are part of the largest-ever national crackdown on drunk driving, which will combine an \$11 million advertising campaign with the mobilization of tens of thousands of law enforcement officers across the country, officials said.
"Because drunk drivers endan-

ger the lives of innocent people, law enforcement has no choice but to go into overdrive to protect the community," said Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans "The bottom line is if you booze it up and get behind the wheel, you will be arrested and locked up."
The model being employed for this crackdown has proven to be effective. Research has shown that highly publicized, highly visible, frequent sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols reduce fatal drunk driving crashes by up to 24 percent, officials said.
"Enforcement works," said McClendon. "Just don't drive drunk because if you do, they will find you and arrest you. No excuses. No exceptions."
The MADD mission is to stop

drunk driving, support the victims of the violent crime and prevent underage drinking. For more information on MADD, visit madd.org or call the Wayne County office at (313) 881-8181 or the Southeastern Michigan Affiliate office at (248) 682-2220.

Schools

FROM PAGE 4

increases that are quickly eaten up by unfounded mandates and costs that are beyond the control of local school boards. Yet they demand more.
At the same time, they are quick to point out their own budget problems and, to solve them, suggest things like an increased income tax or an increased tax on gasoline, or both.

We'd like to see a clear, consistent message coming from Lansing, as well as the leadership to back it up. If they want districts to cut back on costs, they should do it as well—to a greater degree than the nickel and dime solutions they've proposed.
If they want to truly invest in the future of the state, they should follow up on that promise, too, without banking on the taxpayers to make good on their lip service.

Community

FROM PAGE 4

town as readers in New York City had an interest in theirs, and that my news accounts should give them that information in clearly, impartially and accurately. There were times I fell short. There were times I made mistakes. But I always admitted them and used those experiences to try and make an even better newspaper for Canton residents.
A few times, I wrote obituaries for

members of the community. This was never more difficult than when I had to write about little Sean Clark, a boy who fought a rare illness for longer than he or his family could have hoped for. I never met the child—the paper first covered his plight before I took on the Canton beat—but I was assigned to write the story after he passed on.
The toughest assignments are often the most rewarding. When I received a thank you card from Sean's relatives, I realized the profound effect that newspapers can have, even in small communities. And that effect isn't always just on the reader.

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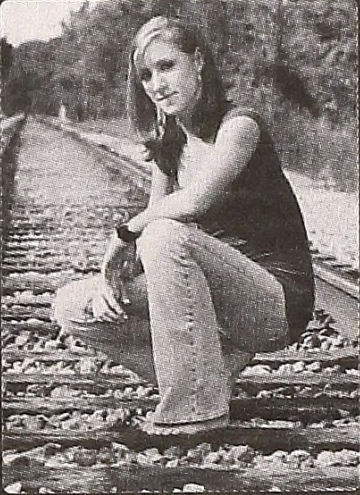
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Van Buren Township seeks contestants for pageant

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation and former Miss Michigan Laura Abney will host a new pageant and contestants are being sought.

The Miss Van Buren Township Pageant 2007 will take place on Oct. 20. There will be four different age categories: the Little Miss for children 4-7, the Junior Miss for children ages 8-12, the Miss Teen for children 13-16 and the Miss pageant for ages 17-22.

The competition will include a private interview, party wear, sports wear and an on-stage question. Optional categories will be talent and photogenic.

The winners will participate in the City of Belleville Christmas Parade and other area events.

All participants must fill out a registration form through the recreation department. There is a \$50 entry fee and \$15 for each optional category. The deadline to register is Sept. 24. For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 699-8921 or visit www.vanburen-mi.org.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 6, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFTA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-229

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 23, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Petitioners.

07-230

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ernie L. Brooks.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-231

5A. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director and authorize the emergency repair of the 1997 John Deere Roadside Cutter #154, cost not to exceed \$8,800.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-232

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director and authorize the City engineering consultant, Orchard Hiltz & McCliment to perform design and geotechnical services for water main improvements in the east section the City, cost not to exceed \$165,000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-233

5C1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and extend Bid Award 06/07-05, a 36-month standard municipal lease for one (1) copy machine for the City of Romulus Finance Department to Albin Business Services for the total cost of \$2,778 annually. The machine will be owned by the City at the end of the lease.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-234

5C2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter agreement for the supply and maintenance contract for the life of the copy machine at .0065 per copy.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-235

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-02:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
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State Law Enforcement				
Fund				
Expense				
268-3720-738.80-10	Capital Outlay	84,000	9,000	93,000
Fund Balance				
268-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	250,851	(9,000)	241,851

Needed to purchase a color copier for use by the Special Investigations Unit and supporting investigators at the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-236

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-03:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-2990-729.93-08	Transfer-Out/Motor Fund	0	60,000	60,000
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,158,570	-60,000	1,098,570

FUND/DEPT.				
ACCOUNT NO.				
Motor Vehicle Fund				
Revenue				
661-0000-699.91-01	Transfer-In/General Fund	0	60,000	60,000
Expense				
660-4410-744.80-15	Capital Outlay	0	60,000	60,000

To purchase two traffic pursuit vehicles to replace a 2000 & 2001 police car both with 100,000+ miles.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-237

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-04:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-3110-731.70-20	Police Salaries & Wages	84,000	2,500	86,500
101-3110-731.72-10	Police Social Security	313,093	155	313,248
101-3110.731.72-20	Police Medicare	73,223	36	73,259
101-3110.731.72-30	Police Retirement	1,300,259	238	1,300,497
101-3110.731.72-80	Police Worker’s Comp.	91,450	46	91,496
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,098,570	(2,975)	1,095,595

To correct the Deputy Chiefs salary for 07/08 that was inadvertently overlooked during the budget process.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-238

6A. Motion by Crova supported by Barden to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 06/07-33, 06/07-34 and 07/07-01 introduced at the Council Meeting held July 23, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. No action taken.
6A3. No action taken.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 6,2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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THE SCENE

SUPERBAD

High school nerds learn valuable life lesson just before graduation

Is there a hotter team in movie screenwriting and production than Seth Rogen, Evan Goldberg and Judd Apatow? After taking the box office by storm with the success of the *40-Year-Old Virgin*, *Talladega Nights* and *Knocked Up*, the trio scores again with the teenage coming of age movie, *Superbad*.

Superbad is a slice of life film about nerdy best friends Seth (Jonah Hill) and Evan (Michael Cerra) who have one last chance to be with the girls of their dreams before their high school graduation after they are asked to provide the alcohol for a pre-graduation party.

The pair is worried that they are in over their heads until fellow nerd, Fogell, (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) tells them that he has a fake ID that will allow him to buy the liquor.

The trio goes to the liquor store and leaves Fogell, known now as a 25-year-old Hawaiian named "McLovin" to go in and make the buy. Just as McLovin is ready to walk out with the goods,

he is knocked out during a liquor store robbery.

Seth and Evan return to the store and panic as they see McLovin being questioned by the police. After deciding that McLovin could not come through with the alcohol, the pair get ride to a frat party from a man who promises them all the liquor they need.

Evan wants to leave the house soon as possible but Seth blends right in with the drunken collegians. That is, until he starts a brawl with one of the frat brothers when he mistakenly dances with his girlfriend.

As for McLovin, he not only still has the alcohol, he makes friends with the cops and even drinks beers with them while they are on duty.

The trio is reunited after Seth literally runs into the others while fleeing the frat house. After a fumbling police chase, the teens catch a bus to the party and prepare for their final chance at love.

Seth is greeted as a hero

when he walks into the party with two bags full of liquor and beer. Evan is greeted by a very drunk and flirtatious Becca (Martha MacIsaac) who wants to "go upstairs" for a private talk.

Just as things started to become interesting, the cops burst through and stop the party. While teens are running away from the police, Seth carries a drunk Evan home. The pair begin to talk about their friendship and how it will survive despite attending different universities in the fall.

Through all of the crude innuendo, alcohol and police chases, Seth and Evan realize the importance of their friendship and the moments they shared. The moral of the movie is that being yourself is the best thing you can be. Don't be surprised if a sequel comes out of this.

This movie isn't for everyone, as it is primarily targeted for the 17-34 demographic, but those who enjoyed the original *American Pie*, will love *Superbad*.



Reviewed By
Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer



Never too early

College Bookworm Club teaches children love of reading

Andrea King
Staff Writer

These students attending Wayne County Community College District campus in Belleville might be a little young to be pursuing their undergraduate degrees, but they are the perfect age to learn the joys of reading.

The program, called the Bookworm Club summer camp, is geared toward children ages 4-7 and incorporates storytelling and book reading into a weeklong workshop. About 15 children took part in the pet themed activities camp at the western campus recently. Teacher Tracy Dunbar said all activities were hands-on to include a variety of books and songs.

"It's important to provide outreach to the community because the kids are our future," she said. "We need to do this and the children really enjoy it."

Each day, participants read books like, *Martha Blah Blah*, *I Love Guinea Pigs* and *The Stray Dog*. Children also met Dunbar's pets Sally, a guinea pig and Spencer, a certified therapy and reading assistance dog.

"We found that kids who are struggling in reading have an easier time reading to a dog rather than a parent or guardian.

Spencer's a capstone for our program," said Dr. Frank Dunbar, associate dean of the western campus. "Kids love to see him come."

Frank and Tracy Dunbar rescued the spaniel-mix from Ohio. His calmness around adults and children led him to become a therapy and reading dog, according to Frank Dunbar.

"This is a reading program so what a great thing to be able to bring in Spencer, too," he said. "The kids love it and get a safe place to do something fun."

The Bookworm Club has a history with the college district. In previous years, the program was only a one-day event, but this year the college wanted to expand the program even further, according to campus officials.

"There's a big push for literacy," said Raquel Garcia-Andersen, western campus vice-president. "This creates an early awareness with the students and, we've found success on both ends: the parents and the children."

"When you can reach young minds and leave the children with something positive—that stays with them," said Dunbar. "It's a place for young and old alike to be educated and inspired."

The college also hopes to

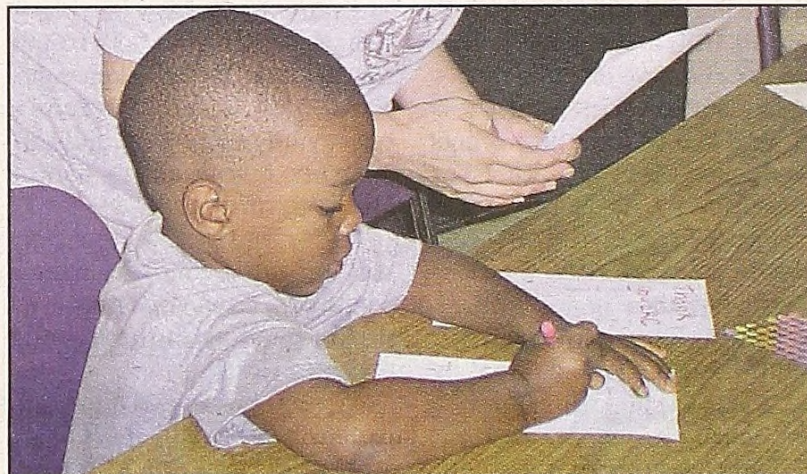


Teacher Tracy Dunbar, along with a student of the Bookworm Club reads an original book together with Spencer, a certified therapy and reading assistance dog.

expand the summer camp in the future, as well.

"We'd like to offer the camp for students twice in the summer. The children have so much fun. It's really a lot more than just reading," said Garcia-Andersen.

"We provide snacks, lunch and it becomes a whole morning," said Dunbar. "Even some of the parents have attended and that's nice to see. At the end of the program children receive a certificate that they've completed the Bookworm Club. For them, that really means something."



Children also enjoyed daily activities, such as coloring, drawing, crafts and more during the weeklong camp.

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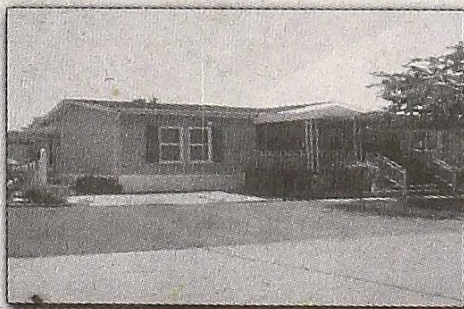
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Return of the vi-Kings
Inkster sets course for Ford Field

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

This is the year the 'king' returns.

That would be the Vi-kings. If there is a single football team that has the talent and coaching staff to return to Ford Field for a championship game it is Inkster High School.

Four years ago something like that would never had made it to print but the 2006 state runner up only has its eyes on one thing—a state championship.

With seven core players returning on offense and six on defense there shouldn't be too many obstacles to overcome.

"We're kind of chomping at the bit," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "We lost the last game of the year and that left a bad taste in our mouths. So we can't wait to get back out there and try again and get things right."

"We have a lot of players that have tasted some success the last couple of years and they want to repeat," he added. "And once you make it to the championship game, it's a bad season if you don't get there again."

Leading the offense is senior quarterback Aaron Shavers. He threw for more than 1,300 yards last year up to the state championship game and rushed for more than 450 yards. He is cool under pressure and has the capability to throw on the run. He had a hand in both of Inkster's touchdowns in the championship game—he ran one in and threw a strike to Renty Rollins for the other.

Shavers has the entire offensive line, minus graduated left guard Dominique Ware, in front of him. Senior center Andre Willis, right guard LaShanta Berry, right tackle Grady Ward and left tackle Xam Kuu are all

back to protect the quarterback. Shavers has plenty of targets to throw to with 6-foot-3 Rollins, 5-foot-11 Derek Coker and 6-foot-1 Josh Howard.

"We're feeling good," Shavers said. "I shouldn't have to scramble as much with the line coming back and I feel comfortable with the receivers. They are seniors and they know that it's time to put it on. We're going to have to play hard every week and take it one game at a time."

The weak spot right now for Inkster is at running back. With the departure of Tim Hogue and Anre Goree—both are playing for Ferris State University this year—in the backfield it leaves little experience for Shavers to hand off to. Goree and Hogue combined for more than 2,200 yards rushing and 35 touchdowns last year.

"We still have some holes to fill and some jobs up for grab," Carter said. "The two running back positions are critical. But we have some really good players and really good kids and that's what makes coaching this team kind of nice."

Some prospects for tailback include Dijon Duncan, last year's junior varsity running back. A junior now, he is playing well, according to Carter. He also has Denzel Richmond at running back—he started on defense in a number of games at defensive end—and Coker might get some time in the backfield, too.

The defense has Berry and Ward returning at tackle. Armond Stanten, who's already verbally committed to Central Michigan University—is a senior linebacker. Howard is at free safety and Javier Reed reprises the role of strong safety. Richomnd played at defensive end last year and will be back on

the line this year. The weak spot on defense is at corner, where newcomer Duncan may wind up.

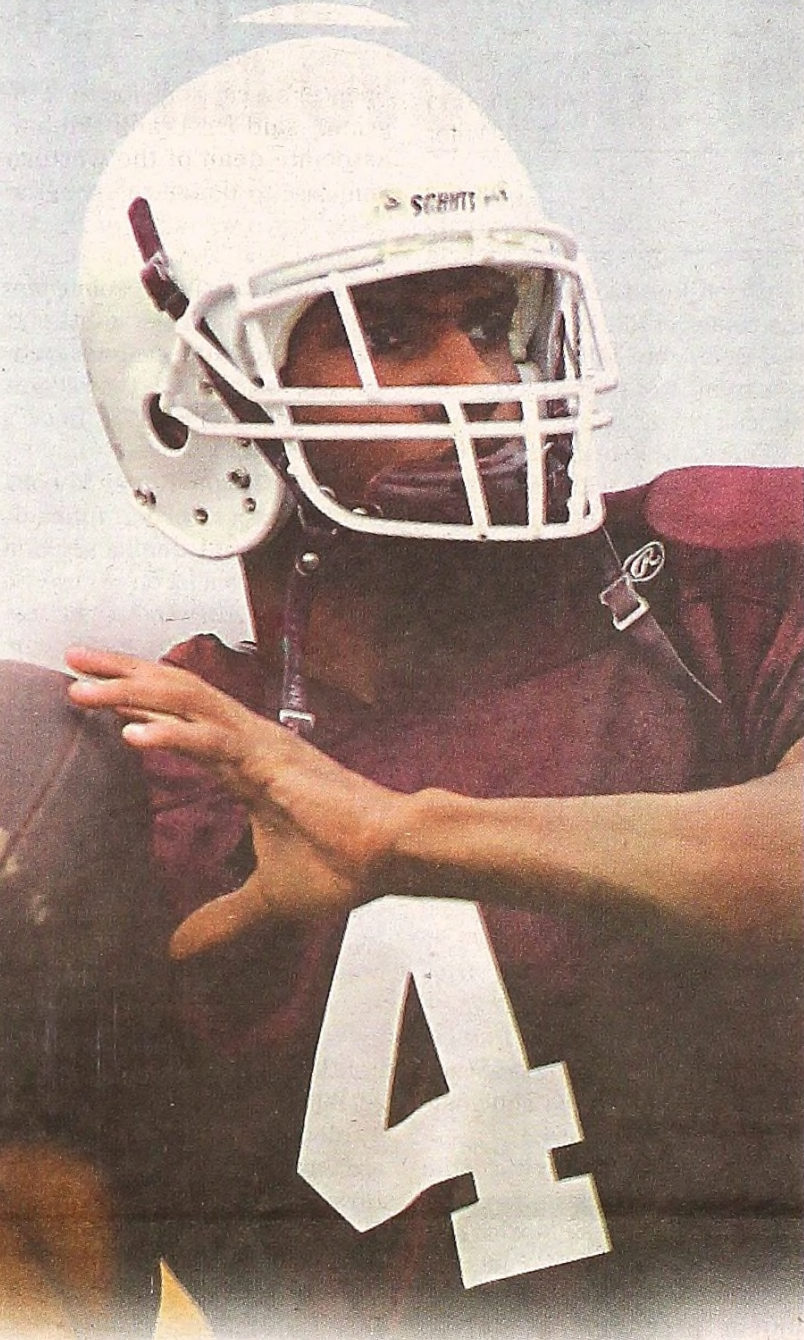
"I think that we have some kids that can step in," Carter said. "We have some kids from last year that weren't starters but played. I think we have people that can play at the positions and play them pretty good."

Carter also said he wants to do better on third down, defensively.

"We didn't do well last year," he said. "I look back at our season and we stopped teams that we should have stopped but I wasn't happy with how we played against good offenses."

Another factor this year is the climbing enrollment at Inkster High School. The new numbers aren't in for this year but the school gained 800 new students last year. The hike could mean that the Vikings move up from Division 6 to possibly Division 4 or 5. That could bring on harder competition.

"I don't know who the opponents will be in those divisions but they will probably be tougher because it usually is at bigger schools," he said. "I think it can be done—I like our team. I think it's gotten better. We've had a great off-season—the kids real-



The success of Inkster's offense rests on the arm of senior quarterback Aaron Shavers. He threw for more than 1,300 yards last year to help the team get to the State Championship.

ly worked hard." Regardless, the Vikings are devoted to setting a course for Ford Field. "We're going there again," Rollins said. "I just want to do what I can to help the team get back to Ford Field." "There's nothing like playing

at Ford Field," Carter added. "The kids know if they want to make it back there that they are going to have to come together as a team." Inkster's first home game is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8 against Redford Thurston.



Inkster will have full, experienced line-offensive and defensive—back this year with hopes of returning to Ford Field.



Senior receiver Renty Rollins shags in a pass from Shavers last week in practice.

SPORTS

Belleville football hopes to improve on 2-7 record

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Coach Bob LaPointe stood in the center of the Belleville practice field, chin in hand, as if he was trying to will the pieces of a difficult puzzle together.

There's not a team around that would be happy with a 2-7 season and that weighs heavily on his mind. That's why the Belleville High School varsity football squad is working hard to return Tiger football to its glory days.

Like all other teams, the Tigers have high hopes during training camp and the preseason to have a better season than the last and hopefully capture a few accolades along the way.

"We always have good expectations early in the season," La Pointe said. "We think we're going to be good. We might struggle a little bit early because we're young, but I think when the season goes on we're going to get better and better. I would anticipate us to be real competitive."

There's no denying that Belleville's 2007 team is young but the players had a good off-season, according to La Pointe, and are putting the necessary effort in during practice that started

August 6 to hopefully push the team beyond last year's 2-7 record.

As of last week, La Pointe was still trying to fill key positions. Who will take the snaps as quarterback is probably the biggest question mark with fullback a close second.

Senior Roger Roper is back and has experience at fullback, but he's also at linebacker and might not play a lot on offense. So La Pointe is still weeding through the younger players to see who will step up.

On the bright side the halfback position and offensive line look promising this year. In the backfield, Steve Else is a returning senior with a lot of speed. Senior Jason Johnston and junior Kiere Daniels—up from the junior varsity—are two other guys that will have chance to play a lot, La Pointe said.

"We have a lot of speed and people trying out for it—trying to get that goal," said Else.

Blocking for the running backs are three quality players. Blakely Hargrave and Warren Eakes at tackle and Emanuel Fields at guard are all back as seniors.

"They all have game experience and started off and on," La

Pointe said. "They should be strong but we still have a question at center and one of the other guard spots."

Other offensive weapons include junior Kaare Cigan at tight end and La Pointe has senior Anthony Roberts and another junior up from the JV squad, Albert McGee, as receivers.

The defense is even younger. La Pointe will have to rely on some double duty from some players.

Roper will be the guy he looks for to lead the linebacker core. He played the position last year and is the guy they start with. Eakes also played defense last year as did Hargrave and Fields, but none of them were starters.

The Tigers will also be very young in the secondary. The only guy with a lot of experience is Johnston at free safety. Else played a little bit at corner but the rest of the secondary is pretty much brand new.

To some it takes a lot more than just skill and experience to win football games, though.

"We're kind of a small team so we have to have a lot of heart and determination," said Hargrave.

Belleville's first test is a doozy.



Belleville Coach Bob La Pointe watches a punt drill develop during practice last week. The Tigers hope to improve last year's 2-7 record by winning their first game against Plymouth at Eastern Michigan University at 2:30 pm on Saturday.

The Tigers will head to Eastern Michigan University to take on the Plymouth Wildcats at 2:30 pm on Saturday as a part of the Big Day Prep Showdown III.

"It's always important to win the first game and get our mind set on winning," Eakes said. "The last few years we lost the first game because we weren't prepared for it and you know how the season ended. So it is real important to get that first win."

After the team's Big Day showcase it will see teams like Mega

rivals Dearborn and Fordson, Southgate Anderson, Monroe, Truman, Woodhaven and Allen Park (Homecoming—7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12). Not an easy schedule by any means.

"This season depends on how things unfold for us. I anticipate that we will get better every game we play," LaPointe said. "If we can get through the first three games, which are really tough for us, we should be pretty good if we stay healthy—that's always an issue."

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Historic home is center of Village Faire activities

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

This Sunday, for the fifth year, Canton Township residents will gather near the Historic Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road for the Village Faire, an event organizers call a tribute to simpler times.

The house and surrounding area are part of a long road toward preserving the rural history of Canton, said Melissa McLaughlin, a township trustee. “There’s an old saying that you won’t know where you’re going unless you know where you’ve

come from,” she said. “I think that our agricultural heritage is one that is really not that far from modern day. Back in the 60s and 70s there was still a vast amount of this township that was under tillage. Something that was just 30-40 years ago isn’t that far gone.”

It may not be far gone, but it sure went fast. Farmland in Canton quickly converted to retail centers and subdivisions after Interstate 275 was built in the 1970s. Wanting to preserve a historical zone, the township moved the Bartlett-Travis House to its new location in 1989. After completing restorations in 1992 to another historic property, the Sheldon School, the township turned its focus to the home, which dates back to the 1840s.

During the 1990s, renovations proceeded in bits and pieces, as the budget allowed. The house finally opened in 2002.

This year, the house got a fresh coat of paint and even a new neighbor when business owner Bob Boyer helped fund the move of a Civil War era barn, which is now located behind the home.

As for the house, additions over time by the Bartlett and Travis families resulted in a unique specimen that represents three distinct eras.

The original Greek Revival house was expanded after the Civil War to add a second story and a small Italianate front porch. In the early 1900s, the

Travis family made another addition and built a wraparound porch, in the Colonial Revival style.

At the Village Faire, the township will offer docent-led tours of the house. Nearby on the grounds, Tillers International will conduct historical demonstrations of rope making, blacksmithing and oxen driving. Other exhibits include old-fashioned baking, making bees wax candles, soap and spinning.

Rounding out the day’s events will be a corn roast sponsored by the Canton Lions club, live music and pony rides, as well as a petting farm by Carousel Acres from noon-4 p.m.

That’s not the last event to take place at the site. Boyer is sponsoring a “barn bash” on Sept. 15. Proceeds from the party, which includes a pig/lamb roast, music and entertainment, will help fund additional work needed to make the barn more usable as a recreational facility.

There’s been preliminary discussions regarding the balance of the property Canton owns there, a narrow strip of land from Ridge to Denton near the power line corridor.

One thing is clear: they aren’t out to simply create an outdoor museum.

“We want to make a site an active part of our community leisure services,” said McLaughlin.

The Village Faire will be open



Lions Club members prepare corn for roasting at the Village Faire last year. The corn roast is one of the highlights of the event.



Blacksmithing skills were demonstrated at the Village Faire last year.

from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. Most events are free, but food wristbands will be on sale for \$5. Tickets for the Sept. 15 Barn

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Cruzin' the Park

Car show and swap meet set this weekend at Metropark

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Custom and classic cars will cruise into Belleville this weekend for the fifth annual Cruzin' the Park swap meet and car show.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville. It will include a variety of activities, including give-aways, vendors, movies and more car-related events.

John Bokon, co-organizer of the event, said Cruzin' the Park is all about a good time.

"You get to see a lot of people and a lot of friends," he said. "Of course, I like it for the hot rods, but it's a great time for everyone to get together."

Bokon his partner, Brad Traskos, kept that in mind from the very beginning. They wanted to start the car cruise after another group opted out, Bokon said. That's something they didn't want to happen so they organized their first Cruzin' in the Park event.

Several years later, the car show and swap meet typically draws in more than 500 cars and thousands of people, according to Bokon.

"It all depends on the weather, but usually we get quite a turnout," he said. "We have 500 swap spots, which is room for a couple thousand cars."

"We're looking forward to making the event bigger and better," said Traskos.

Friday, the event will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and the swap meet and car show to follow at 5 p.m. Patrons can also enjoy music from a DJ, 50/50 raffles, vendors and other giveaways. A free movie or karaoke will take place at 8 p.m., too.

A charity pancake breakfast takes place from 8-11 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All proceeds will go toward the Community Assistance Foundation 34 in Belleville. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children ages 5-12-years-old.

At 12:30 p.m., the Mike's Hot Rod Garage Color contest will take place for children. The 27-mile Pat Marshal Memorial Cruise will follow at 5 p.m. on Saturday, driving cars out of the park, through the Belleville area and back to the Lower Huron Metropark. Marshal was a friend and one of the car cruise originators, according to Bokon.

At 7 p.m., shows and contests will start for the muffler rapping, flame throwing and car hopping. Another free movie and popcorn will also follow the contests.

Cruzin' the Park will end with the awards ceremony at 3 p.m. on Sunday of the top picks from judge, Top Hat John. The best truck, the best street car, the best trailer car and the Pat Marshal Memorial Award are just some of the honors, Bokon said.



"There will be four specialty awards and then more than 100 trophies," he said.

There is a \$4 park entrance fee, but

once inside, the activities are free. Prices for show vehicles vary. For more information call (734) 697-7254, or visit www.cruzinthepark.com.

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1. Obituaries



BRADLEY, Kevin Robert, age 32, died August 5, 2007. He was born August 7, 1974. Kevin leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Annessa Bradley; son, Kevin James Bradley; daughter, Nyeesha A'Lynn Caldwell; mother, Linda Bradley; brothers, Anthony Bradley and Schon (Loretta) Bradley; grandmothers, Bobbie Hamilton and Naomi Bradley; grandfather, Anthony Bradley; aunt Gaye (Anthony) Butler; uncles, Tyrone Hamilton, Derrick Hamilton and George Hamilton, loving cousins, Mark Cook, Wade Cook, Keisha Garner, Dawn Hamilton, George Hamilton, Michelle Hamilton, Craig Whitner, Westley Whitner, Yvonne

Whitner; special little cousin, Danielle Hamilton; mother-in-law, Joan King; father-in-law, James Caldwell Sr.; sisters-in-law, Carolyn (Gregory) Gillette and Christy King; brothers-in-law, James (Mary) Caldwell Jr., Anthony King, and Christopher Caldwell and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were held at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, Westland, MI with Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Garden, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



CLARK, Ronald Richard, age 58, died August 5, 2007. He was born July 27, 1949. Ronald leaves to mourn his passing, his children, Angela, Kortney,

Daneen, Sunkrea, Jamaal, Erin, Zelena and Kristopher. A son, John, preceded him in death. He also leaves a host of family and friends, and a very special motherly friend and housemate of 12 years, Ms. Mildred Blackshear. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Pastor Garther Roberson officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery, Wayne, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



COLEMAN, Kimberly A., age 42, died July 31, 2007. She was born November 18, 1964. You said, I have looked through time, and in due time I will present you, Kim, to your proud and loving parents Earl and Dorothy Beanum; and you will know grandpar-

ents, John and Eunice Knight and Eddie and Lydia Beanum. Kim, you will need a sister to love you and her name shall be blatancy. Kim you will also be surrounded with aunts who will love and adore you: Marie (Cortez), Shirley, Judy, Denise (Al), Charlotte (Alton), Betty (Bossie), and Evelyn (John). Kim, I will also provide you with uncles who will watch over you: Henry (Vickie), Boo/John (Gert) and Arthur (Vivian). Your uncles and aunts will give you 15 cousins, and you will have other generations of cousins as well. LaTanya will give you a special nephew, Paul Elijah, and he will be your Godchild. You shall also be blessed with your Goddaughter Skye, God brother Richie and little Trei. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Pastor Ric Steele officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



COOK, Harry Donald, age 58, died August 6, 2007. He was born November 3, 1948. He leaves to cherish his loving memories his three daughters, Nshombe Nneka Cook, Akoswa Nyuta (Drew) Cook-Wells (Rooster), Takiyah Cook; two sons, David Cook and Michael Cook; seven grandsons, Felix Rashad Foucher, Coleon Clifton Smith, Andrew, Dominic and Trevor Wells, Jahad and Craig Monte Brooks; two sisters, Carolyn (Ocie) Veasley or Detroit, MI and Theresa Edmondson of Belleville, MI; a special nephew, Alfred James and a very special friend, Curl White and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were held at Higher Praise Cathedral of Faith Church, Inkster, MI with Dr. Joyce Haddon officiating. Interment was at

Detroit Memorial Park West, Redford, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



MARTIN, Frankie Ruth, age 56, died August 1, 2007. She was born May 1, 1951. Frankie leaves to cherish her memories her three sons, Trenneth (Pune), Thalamus (Thal) and Julius (PoohBear); 3 granddaughters, Jasmen, Joslyn and Ja'Niyah; 2 brothers, Henry (Catherine) James of Inkster, MI and Chester (Gloria) Williams of Ratcliff, KY; sister Rosemary of Birmingham, AL; stepsiblings Polly, Betty and Anderson Washington Jr. of Cincinnati, OH; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at Penn

Funeral Home with Savannah Johnson officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

MELDRUM, Margaret O., age 85 of Romulus, MI. Aug. 15, 2007. Dear Mother of James (Cynthia) Gent of Romulus, Donna Louria of Romulus and Nancy (Ron) Daniels of Romulus. Margaret was grandmother of five and great grandmother of six. Preceded in passing by parents James and Fannie (Salter) Vance, Sr., husband Clayton W. Meldrum and brothers James and Joe Vance. Margaret was manager of Key Manor Apts. for 26 yrs and was active in local politics and the Democratic Club. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI with Dr. Hubert Gilbert, Pastor Beacon Baptist Church officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park. Memorials to Parkinson Foundation.

REIGHARD, Dennis August 16, 2007 age 68 of Westland. Beloved husband of Judy. Dear father of Pamela (Thomas) King, Kimberly (Jerry) Sprague, Randall (Jodi) Reighard, Ann (Scott) Winfrey, Edward (Jennifer) Frank and Neil (Ronda) Frank. Brother of Patrick (Sue) and Jerry (Nancy). Grandfather of Jennifer King, Erin Sanford, Kristin King, Miranda, Reighard, William Reighard, Heather Frank, Michael Baganz, Andrew Frank, Danielle Ashley, Danielle Baganz, Jagger Winfrey, Abigail Winfrey and Jessica Frank. Great Grandfather of Taylor King and Mackenzie King. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Pastor Hal Edmonds officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



SCOTT, Trudi Denise, age 49, died August 18, 2007. She was born March 19, 1958. She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted parents Cordell and Connie Moore; her devoted son Gregory Jr.; a loving niece and nephew Mercedes Emmarie Harvey and Corey Vance Pitts; one brother-in-law, Christopher A. Pitts; two aunts, Freddie M. (Henry) Stokley of Okmulgee, OK and Clara J. (James, Sr.) McDowell of Kansas City, MO; cousins, Elberta Orr, Joyce Kidd, Christy (Freddie, Sr.) Winston of Detroit, MI, Toby (Reginald) Dial of Birmingham, AL, Barbara and Cathy Crane, Erica (Damon) Jackson also of Detroit, MI, and a host of family and friends. Services were held at Pilgrim Travelers Missionary Baptist Church, Inkster, MI with Rev. Charlie E. Knighten officiating. Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

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1FMEE11L2VHA00284
07-10291

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07-10483

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1C3YJ41E7JG428601
07-10483

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07-13387

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07-10382

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07-11739

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07-11771

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07-11802

1999 Cadillac 4Dr
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07-11867

1996 Mazda 4Dr
1YVGE22C1T5514881
07-12056

1994 Cadillac 4Dr
1G6KF52Y4RU200301
07-12146

2001 Ford ST
2FMZA51411BB11770
07-12150B

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1G6KY5292RU835844
07-12150

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3R47F92477914
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1MEFM50U22G614068
07-12691

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Belleville Home Tour planned

The Belleville Area Home Tour will take place from 1-6 p.m. on Sept. 16. The tour, presented by the Belleville Area Museum and the historical society, will feature five homes and an 1853 commercial building.

The homes include a Victorian-era house on East Huron River Drive, two contemporary Belleville lakeside homes, a contemporary home on Willis Road and, a 19th century home on Tuttle Hill Road in Ypsilanti Township.

Also on the tour is the Century 21/Belleville Realty, located in a building constructed in 1853 as a Baptist church. For many years, it was a site of the Roberts Brothers undertaking/furniture store business. In 2005, the building underwent a renovation and now features a wide central stairway, a balcony enclosed in glass and wood and a stained glass ceiling at the site of the original church steeple, according to organizers.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 the day of the tour. Tickets can be purchased at: the Belleville Area Museum, Antiques on Main, Flowers by Katherine Rose and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

A home tour soup and salad buffet luncheon will also take place from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belleville Masonic Temple. Tickets are \$6.50. The temple will also be open the day of the tour.

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